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EP 0 566 045 and U.S. Patent No. 5,497,966 discloses an adjustable column for a chair.

DE 662149 discloses a telescopic cylinder of a fluid lifting device for operations chairs.

DE 35 22 386 and the English language abstract attached thereto disclose a telescope tube with a plurality of tube elements.

DE 24 53 105 discloses an adjustable chair.

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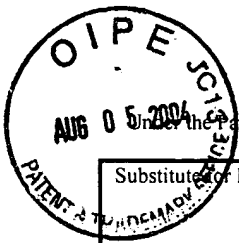
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